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For: **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF A  
STORAGE SYSTEM**

**RESPONSE WITH AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116(b) AND 1.113**

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Sir:

The Advisory Action mailed September 29, 2005 (Part of Paper No. 20050926) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments, which place the case in condition for allowance, and consider the following remarks.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.